

5 **REMARKS**

Paragraphs 2 and 3 of the Office Action

 Claims 6 and 11 are rejected under 35 USC §112 second paragraph as being
indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter
10 which applicant regards as the invention.

 Claim 6 has been cancelled and claim 11 has been amended in accordance with
the Examiner's remarks.

 Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested by the applicant.

15 **Paragraphs 4 and 5 of the Office Action**

 Claims 1, 3-5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over
Nakahira in view of Becker, Chu, Eaton and Austad.

 Claim 1 has been amended to include the as-filed limitations of claims 6 and 9. It
is applicant's understanding that this amendment will place claim1 in condition for
20 allowance. The remaining claims 2-5, 7 and 10, which ultimately depend from claim 1,
are also believed to be in condition for allowance.

 Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested by the applicant.

Paragraphs 6-8 of the Office Action

25 Claims 2 and 6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over
Nakahira in view of Becker, Chu, Eaton and Austad as applied to claim 1 above, and
further in view of Hamas.

 Claim 6 has been cancelled. Claim 2, for the reasons stated above, is believed to
be in condition for allowance.

30 Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested by the applicant.

New Claims 12-14

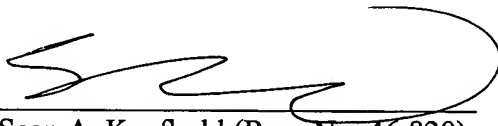
 New claims 12-14 have been added to vary the scope of the claims. No new
matter has been added and all references therein are fully supported in the specification
35 and figures as originally submitted.

CONCLUSION

10 In light of the foregoing amendments and remarks, early consideration and
allowance of this application are most courteously solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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